

the Friends Forum

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by Shelley Wagers

Your library card has always been your passport to a world of ideas and information. Now that world has gotten a whole lot wider. Whatever your mood or your interests, The Friends have put a cornucopia of art, entertainment and information at your fingertips. We foot the bill for subscriptions to digital magazines, eBooks, eAudiobooks, online courses, databases and articles, and video streaming services that provide a ton of fabulous programming.

If you're seeking independent features, you will want to check out films from the Cannes, Sundance, Tribeca, and SXSW festivals. Or catch up on box office hits like "Silver Linings Playbook," "The Imitation Game," and "The King's Speech." For action and suspense, you might try "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," "Django Unchained," or "Texas Chain Saw Massacre." Maybe your taste runs to classic films like "A Farewell to Arms," "Becket," or "Gaslight.

Documentary offerings include "Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama," and the story of Osama bin Laden's capture in "Seal Team Six." And from PBS, check out rare footage from "The Fidel Castro Tapes." Aficionados of early TV shows may enjoy "George & Gracie," "Jack Benny," "Ozzie & Harriet," "Flash Gordon," or "Popeye." If self-improvement is on your agenda, videos on dog training, yoga,

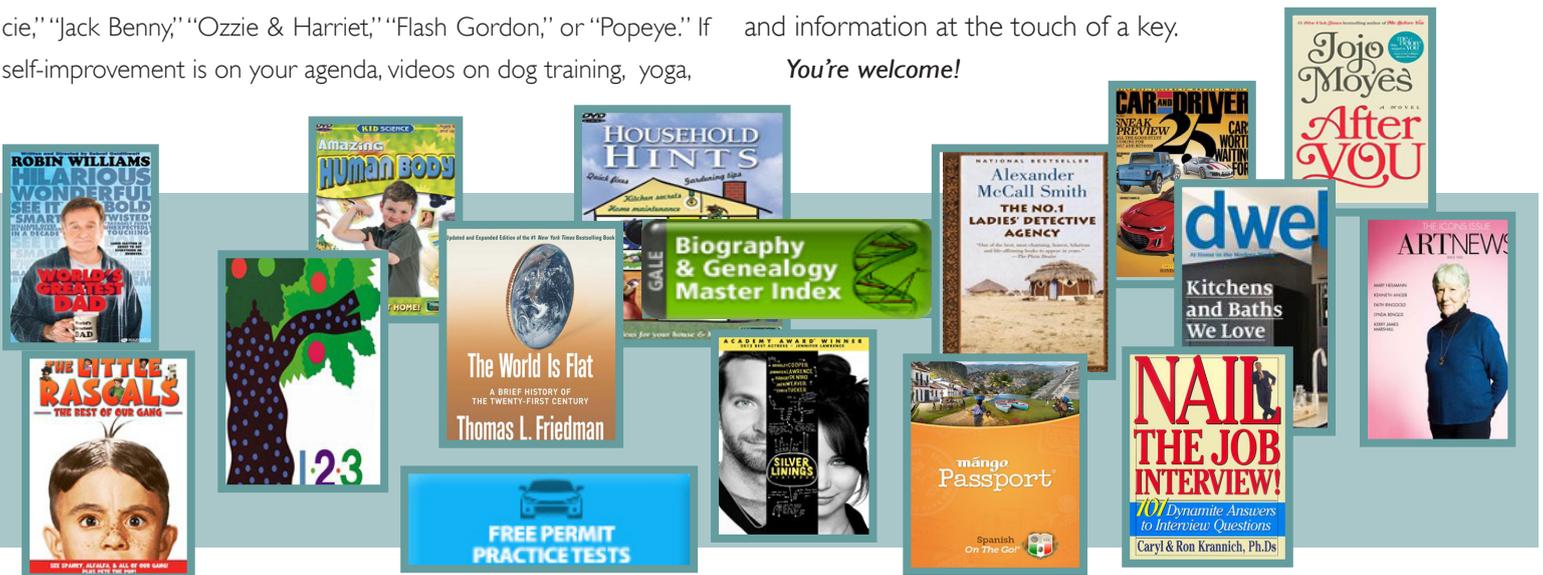
piano, tai chi, guitar, digital photography, meditation, or personal finance may interest you. Maybe you want to prep for the LSAT, get started in game development, or brush up on Spanish for a career in health care.

Looking for a good read? Dozens of magazines and thousands of eBooks are at your fingertips. Curl up with *The Martian*; *When Breath Becomes Air*; *Invisible Man*; Ta-Nehisi Coates' letter to his son, *Between the World and Me*; *Wolf Hall*; or *Go Set a Watchman*. Browse titles by perennial best-selling authors like John Grisham and Stephen King. Seeking an audio book? You'll find titles by David Baldacci and James Patterson included in an array of fiction and non-fiction titles.

The films and audiobooks include dozens of titles for kids, too, including the wildly popular "Minecraft" series. For preschoolers, "Miss Humblebee's Academy," offers a complete award-winning curriculum to optimize kindergarten readiness.

The pictures and titles mentioned on this page represent only a very small fraction of what is available.....there is so much more. From Friends to you - a virtual world of entertainment and information at the touch of a key.

You're welcome!



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In The Chat Room w/Nancy by Barbara

City Librarian Nancy Hunt-Coffey brings Friends' Past President Barbara Linder up to date.

ALL SORTS OF CHANGES ARE IN STORE FOR THE LIBRARY STAFF THIS SPRING.

Nancy has been given a new assignment, in addition to her position as City Librarian. She will now serve as Director of Community Services. The Community Services Department provides the cultural, educational, recreational, landscape, and social services that enhance and maintain the desirable quality of life and attractive physical environment that Beverly Hills is famous for. We congratulate Nancy and wish her great success.

Although Nancy has plans to stay in her office in Library Administration, she is relying on her able staff to assume greater responsibilities. Karen Butth and Marilyn Taniguchi will take over day-to-day operation of the Library. Aida Thau will now serve as Nancy's assistant, replacing Lois Foraker, who retired last year. The Library has also filled several full time positions: Mila Rianto, our new Senior Library Technician, will oversee the literacy program (sponsored by The Friends) and our old friend Maksim Kseniak, as Senior Library Technician, will now be at the Library full time.



The bear sculpture that had been a long time resident of the Children's Library has been restored in honor of past Friends President Jean Rosenblatt, and was

reinstalled with great ceremony on Sunday, February 28th. Shown here upon being unveiled by Jean and applauded by staff and friends.

OVERHEARD IN THE BEST LITTLE BOOK STORE WEST OF DOHENY



William Badham
Pitcher, Los Angeles

"I swing by the Friends Bookstore after driving school carpool. I'm after really high quality editions of cookbooks in good condition for my collection. One time I was delighted to find a 1961 edition of Julia Child's famous 'Mastering the Art of French Cooking' and today I'm looking for something for my wife, who likes the classics." He picked up "The Cook's Color Treasury" and then something completely different that caught his eye – "Visions of Power: Castles around the World."



Joe West, Jr.

Los Angeles
I came to renew my library card at the front desk because I've been away for two years, and decided to pop in to the Friends Bookstore. I have a favorite chair where I like to sit in here and enjoy the books."

NOTES FROM THE FRIENDS:

- Located just to the right as you enter the Library, the Friends Bookstore, graced with updated logo and signage, is open 7 days a week. Stop by - we welcome all book lovers and savvy collectors as well as the curious browser. Inventory is refreshed daily and all proceeds support Friends' many Library programs.

- FRIENDS BOOKSTORE SALES schedule, listed on the flyer enclosed in this newsletter is waiting for your bulletin board, calendar ... and refrigerator door posting.

- JULY IS CHILDREN'S BOOK MONTH! Children in the Read for the Win summer reading programs should shop our stacks for the best titles at the best prices.

- The Friends Donations Committee wants to express our gratitude to our donors for their enthusiastic participation and generous support.

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THE FRIENDS WELCOMES
SANDRA TSING LOH AND ANDREA GROSSMAN
AT OUR ANNUAL OPEN MEETING



Celebrated performer and author Sandra Tsing Loh was the featured speaker on Wednesday, May 4 at the Annual Open Meeting of The Friends. The meeting is open to the public. Sandra Tsing Loh, well known from her appearances on NPR, her books and her performances, delighted guests with her singular wit.

She appeared in conversation with Andrea Grossman, founder and president of Writers Bloc. Attendees also had the opportunity to purchase and have Sandra sign her book, *The Madwoman in the Volvo*, which the New York Times ranked among the 100 Most Notable Books of 2014.

Ms. Tsing Loh authored five previous books and is a contributing editor for The Atlantic Monthly. Her solo comedy piece "The Bitch is Back" premiered at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica last July, and a stage adaptation of *The Madwoman in the Volvo* received its world premiere production at Costa Mesa's South Coast Repertory in January of this year. It is scheduled to be staged at Pasadena Playhouse in June 2016.



Hello From the President

As I complete my first year as President of The Friends of the Beverly Hills Library, I continue to be both amazed and proud of our Library staff and all that our Library offers! With the support of The Friends our Children's Library continues to offer its ever-popular Summer Reading program for the children in our community. This year's program, Read for the Win, rewards readers who complete 25 reading hours. The tweens and teens can also participate with some special programming designed to stoke their interest. The Friends Book Store is declaring July as Children's Book Month - the time to fill your child's book shelves for summer reading.

We also support an exciting range of adult programs. Our Book Group, led by Judith Palarz, continues to attract large groups interested in discussing the Book-of-the-Month. Please check our website regularly to see what the Palarz Book Group will be discussing next. In addition, we co-sponsor events featuring speakers who bring interesting, exciting programs to the Library.

Finally, as we move into Spring and Summer, I encourage all of you to visit our wonderful Library and Book Store to pick up a "good read" for your Summer travels or just for your downtime at home!

Sincerely,

Monique Maas Gibbons

More To Love @ the Library

from Jean Rosenblatt w/Marilyn Taniguchi



This Summer, the Library will be FUN for readers of all ages! The "Read for the Win" Summer Reading Clubs will begin Friday, May 20th and continue through Wednesday, August 17th. The categories for the Summer Reading Clubs will be: Children's Reading Club (up to entering 3rd Grade), Tween Reading Club (for students entering 4th or 5th Grade), Teen Reading Club (for students entering 6th-12th Grades) and a Grown-ups Reading Club. As before, there will be many drawings for prizes and giveaways. Registration is free and you can either sign up in person at the Library or online at the Library's website: www.bhpl.org. After registration, the entrant will be given a logbook to keep track of the time they spend reading. The goal is to complete 25 hours of reading (or being read to, if a pre-reader.) Prizes will be awarded at the mid-point and upon completion.



BHUSD students can also participate in their schools' Summer Reading Medalist incentive program. Through the Teen Volunteer Program, if Teens commit a minimum of 10 hours this summer, they can earn Community Service credit by helping with the Children's programs. The Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library will, again, be hosting the Wonderful Wednesday programs in the Civic Center Plaza at 4:00 PM for young children and the Tween and Teen programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And don't forget that on Monday, August 1st, Minecraft Monday will be taking place in the Library Auditorium at 4:00 PM

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS



- June 22: Jazzy Ash & Leaping Lizards Band
- June 29: Kiddie Karoo Monster Puppet Luau
- July 13: Magician Tony Daniels
- July 20: The Beat Buds
- July 27: Dance Party w/Miss Cynthia

The Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library is a non-profit organization that supports the Library. Funds from membership fees and bookstore revenues, as well as donations and tributes, support many of the Library's best-loved and most needed collections and programs.

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Tues. till 8:30 pm
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